

# County of Los Angeles CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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July 19, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE LOCAL EMERGENCIES (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the attached proclamations terminating three local emergencies which were enacted as a result of fires and flooding events that exceeded the control of local resources.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

State law requires that proclamations of local emergencies be terminated when the local emergency is over. There are seven declarations of local emergencies currently active in Los Angeles County. My Office of Emergency Management staff recently reviewed the status of the seven active local emergency declarations in conjunction with the State Office of Emergency Services and affected departments. They have concluded that the following local emergencies can be terminated:

- The Williams Canyon Area fire in the foothills of the eastern San Gabriel Valley, proclaimed by the Chair on September 25, 2002 and ratified by the Board on October 1, 2002. This emergency was never declared by the State of California.
- Multiple fires in and around the cities of Claremont and La Verne proclaimed by the Chief Administrative Officer on October 26, 2003 and ratified by the Board on October 28, 2003. Governor Schwarzenegger terminated this emergency on March 10, 2005.

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 Flooding in the cities of Carson, Compton, Los Angeles, Lynwood, South Gate and the unincorporated areas of Willowbrook and Rosewood, proclaimed by the Chair on November 12, 2003, ratified by the Board on November 18, 2003, then revised on December 2, 2003. Governor Schwarzenegger terminated this emergency on March 10, 2005.

Please note that with regard to other local emergencies, the Agricultural Commissioner has requested the indefinite continuance of the August 8, 1989 and May 10, 1990 infestation of fruit flies local emergency, because of its ongoing nature.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has approved as to form.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

None.

## CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, an adopted, stamped copy should be returned to the Office of Emergency Management.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN

Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel

County Fire Department

**Emergency Management Council** 

Emergency Preparedness Commission for the County and Cities of Los Angeles

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

Disaster Management Area Coordinators

#### PROCLAMATION TERMINATING THREE LOCAL EMERGENCIES

**WHEREAS**, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002, the Chair, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, proclaimed the existence of a Local Emergency as a result of a fire started in the Williams Canyon area in the foothills of the eastern San Gabriel Valley. Conditions were beyond the control of local resources; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003, the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, proclaimed the existence of a Local Emergency as a result of the fires in and around the cities of Claremont and La Verne. Conditions were beyond the control of local resources; and

WHEREAS, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003, the Chair, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, proclaimed the existence of a Local Emergency as a result of flooding in the cities of Carson, Compton, Los Angeles, Lynwood, South Gate and the unincorporated areas of Willowbrook and Rosewood. Conditions were beyond the control of local resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors ratified the proclamations and subsequently reviewed the situation every 14 days thereafter, continuing the emergency proclamations in effect because of ongoing emergency restoration operations; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Federal Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), financial assistance has been made available for the reimbursement of activities and associated costs; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Local Emergencies resulting from the September 25, 2002, October 26, 2003 and November 12, 2003 events no longer exist in Los Angeles County;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby proclaim the termination of the above Local Emergencies; and

IT IS ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Date:	, 2005	
GLORIA MOLI	NA	
Chair Board o	f Supervisors	

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS Executive Officer and	
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy